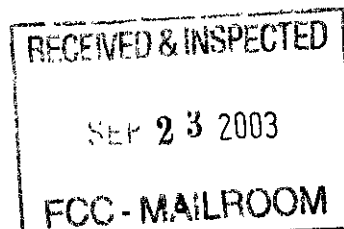


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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554



Re: 47 CFR Chapter 1 – WT Docket No 03 187 FCC 03-205
Public comment on proposed rule on effects of communication towers on migratory birds

Gentlemen:

We already know this. We have certainly seen the dead birds at the foot of skyscrapers and towers. The internet is rife with these accounts, as well as newspapers. On page 2 of 14, it is cited that neotropical migratory birds collide with towers. We should not need further studies. If we want to keep birds alive, and we do, we know that structures like communication towers are a problem.

I want to complain about not being allowed to communicate with FCC via e mail on this proposal. Email is certainly well accepted in 2003 and denying use of it limits the amount of the general population who can communicate. Certainly rich industries like the Bells can have their large staffs come in person to discuss this, but denying use of e mail does taint the group who comments.

On page 5 FCC denotes their Tower Working Group, which seems a very, very strange group indeed, consisting of state agency personnel (what do they know about birds). You know industry people will oppose any regulations that will protect birds and add to cost, so you know where inclusion of those folks is coming from. I would like a further explanation of exactly which "environmental groups and exactly what groups made up this committee formed by FCC. I think it is important since I find that many professional biologists seem not to care about animal/bird lives very much. They are so in the business of selling hunting licenses at these state agencies, they do not know very much about environmentalism. Or care about it. Can you furnish that information to me please? I do not want to see a tainted Tower Working Group of special interests, without protection of the interests of the majority of Americans who like birds and wildlife and who seek to protect them.

If you really wanted bird information, why did you not attempt to contact the major bird organizations in the United States. Your search of information seems not well informed or seeking true facts from the people in the field.

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Page 2 of response to proposal

Comments on page 6 of 14 pages -- Getting the kind of information FCC seems to want seems difficult to get since most people do not circle communication towers to take dead bird counts. That is not something the general public does. If commercial telephone industry say they have this information, they would have a biased reason (profits) to give low dead bird counts, so their numbers require very very close investigation. I would very much be interested in reading the information that is submitted to alleged "experts" on these collisions. I would like to know their background, who is supporting their research with money (who funded their study). I think the public needs full information on exactly what information is being told to FCC in this matter. I think the profiteers are far too likely not to send in truthful, honest information. I personally have seen junk science emanate from alleged "scientists". I think the paycheck influences far too many of those who claim to be "scientists" and they are in fact something other.

Page 7 of 14 -- The towers being there are the issue and the problem NOT weather. Birds are used to all kinds of weather. It is the towers that kill them. They crash into them, The towers turn up in all places where they weren't before. This disorients them. Certainly the fatality caused at different tower sites could be different - probably due to intensity of the migration.

We have all been reading about dead birds at the foot of towers and skyscrapers for many years now.

Page 8 of 14 -- Why would towers EVER be high enough to interfere with airplanes. That is far too high and should not be allowed. What about padding of tower struts? I am sure that tower builders have sufficient money to submit all kinds of research so they do not have to stop building these bird killer towers.

Page 9 of 14 -- I do not think that the bird aficionado community has much money for STUDIES. They are too busy trying to keep the birds alive in the face of overdevelopment, and in the face of federal and state agencies that shoot them to death or poison or gas them. So because of the difference in money available to do studies, those who would like to save bird lives through tower redesign will be far outspent by industry money. For this reason, FCC will not get the correct environmental information. There is zero to few dollars in the wallets of those trying to protect wildlife and far greater money in the pockets of those who would kill it. FCC must recognize this fact and not be swayed by the greater dollars on the side of tower industry builders and users.

Page 10 of 14 – Hasn't anyone at FCC gone on line and noticed the material that is on line already? How much does FCC need for common sense to make these decisions? Private bird/animal protection groups should be called in to study – not anti wildlife agencies like USFWS, USEPA, etc. The USFWS seems to have some perverted anti wildlife, pro hunting souls who have taken over this agency and their decisions seem creepy and anti wildlife these days – is it courtesy of the current administration?

Page 11 of 14 – Guy wires have been cited before. They are certainly hard to SEE. Strobe lighting is also terrible. It is my opinion towers should be made shorter to cover less area. The monstrosities in the sky are not necessary.

Again, it is time that true animal protection groups are contacted for this issue – not fake wildlife groups that have pro names and in fact engage in hunting/killing/growing birds to serve as live targets for shotguns, etc. Those kinds of groups are in fact anti-wildlife and trading on wildlife's good name.

These are my comments on this issue. I am sending a copy to some NJ congressmen.

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